

**REMARKS**

In response to the Restriction Requirement of June 25, 2007, Applicants elect Group I, claims 7-26, with traverse.

Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement because a compound of Group II (claim 27) is a compound obtainable by the process of Group I. Further, a compound of Group III (claims 28-30) is a suitable starting material for the process of Group I. Accordingly, the subject matters of Groups I, II and III are closely related to each other and should be examined together.

Applicants have added a new dependent claim 31, directed to an optically active derivative represented by formula (4) which is obtainable by the process according to claim 7. Applicants submit that new claim 31 should be examined with Group I since it depends from claim 7 of Group I.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

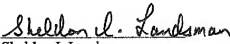
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